

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-19 Building Date: ca. 1805, 1898, 1960

Building Name: Magruder House

Location: 4908 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

The Magruder house is a two-and-one-half story frame gable-roofed building, its main section approximately 30 feet square. Entrance is in the third bay of the east facade. A short distance to the west of the house is an 18 foot square kitchen building, formerly a separate structure, but now connected to the main house by a two-story sitting-room addition. At the south gable end of the main house are two large free-standing brick chimneys, with corbelled caps. The roof of this section is standing-seam metal, painted green. The Magruder house has undergone considerable alteration in recent years. In the 1940's a one-story addition was built to connect the main house to the kitchen. In 1960, the new owners raised this one-story connector to a full two stories; they covered the main section with synthetic siding; a one-story wing was extended to the north; brick veneer was added to the main east facade, and the former one-story Victorian porch at this location was replaced by a two-story columned portico. The interior also had been significantly changed, with removal of some partitions and mantels.

Significance:

The Magruder house represents an early nineteenth century dwelling house which has been significantly altered. The main section of the house was built soon after 1800 by Thomas Magruder on his farm known as "The Forest", located on part of Darnall's Grove. This frame house was located within a few yards of the old homestead and tavern operated by Thomas Baldwin, grandfather of Thomas Magruder. The farm passed in the mid-1860's to Magruder's son, Caleb Clarke Magruder I, prominent Upper Marlboro attorney; he in turn passed it to his son of the same name in 1871. In 1898, the old Baldwin homestead/tavern was demolished, and a kitchen was constructed on part of its stone foundation. In 1916, Magruder deeded this house and 60 acres to his son, C.C. Magruder III. The property passed out of the Magruder family in 1945, after which the new owner constructed the addition which connected the main house to the kitchen. Further alterations were undertaken by the present owners. For nearly a century and a half this house was owned by members of one of Prince George's County's most prominent families. Since 1960, modern renovations have destroyed much of its original character. It is now a spacious and very livable country house but it is scarcely recognizable as a nineteenth century structure.

Acreage: 1.69 acres

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Magruder house

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4908 Enterprise Rd., MD 193 ☐ not for publication

city, town Mitchellville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Darneille

street & number 4908 Enterprise Rd., telephone no.:

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code Md. 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 2978

street & number Main Street folio 360

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co., Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#70-19

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Magruder house is a two-and-one-half story frame gable-roofed building, its main section approximately 30 feet square. Entrance is in the third bay of the (main) east facade. A short distance to the west (rear) of the house is an 18 foot square kitchen building, formerly a separate structure, but now connected to the main house by a two-story sitting-room addition.

At the south gable end of the main house are two large free-standing brick chimneys, with corbelled caps. The roof of this section is standing-seam metal, painted green.

The Magruder house has undergone considerable alteration in recent years. Up until 1945 it consisted of the main 30'x30' frame dwelling house, and the separate kitchen building which rested on foundations of large iron-bearing local sandstone. In the 1940's the new owner built the one-story addition which connects the two structures. The present owners began the most recent alterations ca. 1960: they raised the one-story connector to a full two stories; they covered the main section with synthetic siding; a one-story wing was extended to the north; brick veneer was added to the main east facade, and the former one-story Victorian porch at this location was replaced by a two-story columned portico. The 6/9 full-length windows on this east facade have shutters.

The interior of the main section originally consisted of front and back parlors on the south, and stair hall on the north. The partitions between these spaces have been partially removed, thus providing more open living area; the parlor mantels at the fireplaces on the west (exterior) wall have been removed, and replaced by a painted brick facing.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#70-19

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca.1805,1898,1960 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Magruder house represents an early nineteenth century dwelling house which has been significantly altered. The main section of the house was built soon after 1800 by Thomas Magruder on his farm known as "The Forest", located on part of Darnall's Grove. This frame house was located within a few yards of the old homestead and tavern operated by Thomas Baldwin, grandfather of Thomas Magruder. The farm passed in the mid-1860's to Magruder's son, Caleb Clarke Magruder I, prominent Upper Marlboro attorney; he in turn passed it to his son of the same name in 1871. In 1898, during the ownership of C.C. Magruder II, the old Baldwin homestead/tavern was demolished, and a kitchen was constructed on part of its stone foundation.¹ In 1916, Magruder deeded this house and 60 acres to his son, C.C. Magruder III, who occupied it as a summer home. The property passed out of the Magruder family in 1945, after which the new owner constructed the addition which connected the main house to the kitchen. Further alterations were undertaken by the present owners.²

For nearly a century and a half this house was owned by members of one of Prince George's County's most prominent families. After the first generation, however, it was apparently not their year-round home. Since 1960, modern renovations have destroyed much of its original fabric and character. It is now a spacious and very livable country house, indeed an imposing landmark, but it is scarcely recognizable as a nineteenth century structure.

¹ American Clan Gregor Yearbook, 1927: Thomas Magruder of "The Forest", pp. 16-22.

² Prince George's County Deeds #2978:360; #794:287; #191;222; Interview with owners, September, 1984.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#70-19

P.G. Co. Deeds #2978:360; #794:287; #191:222; HB#4:448
Wills TT#1:468
Clan Geger Yearbook, 1927, "Thomas Magruder of the Forest";
P.G. Co. Tax Assessments; Interview with owners Sept. 1984

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.69a

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date September 1984

street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPC

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro

state MD.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Magruder House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Upper Marlboro		Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Silver Spring		Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION		NI
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	ERI
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		DE RE
<p>The house is a two-story, frame structure that has been extensively remodelled. There are two large external, brick chimneys with stone foundations on the south end. The main (east) facade is three bays with the sidelighted entrance in the north bay.</p> <p>The kitchen, sitting behind the house, has been connected to the main block. Another wing has been added on the north end.</p> <p>In plan, the house has an end hall and double parlors (now opened up into larger spaces). The staircase rises along the north wall of the house in a double run.</p>		TA

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century

- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century

- ☐ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century

- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

- ☐ Prehistoric
- ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation

- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music

- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation

- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 11/15/74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

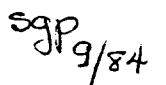
Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

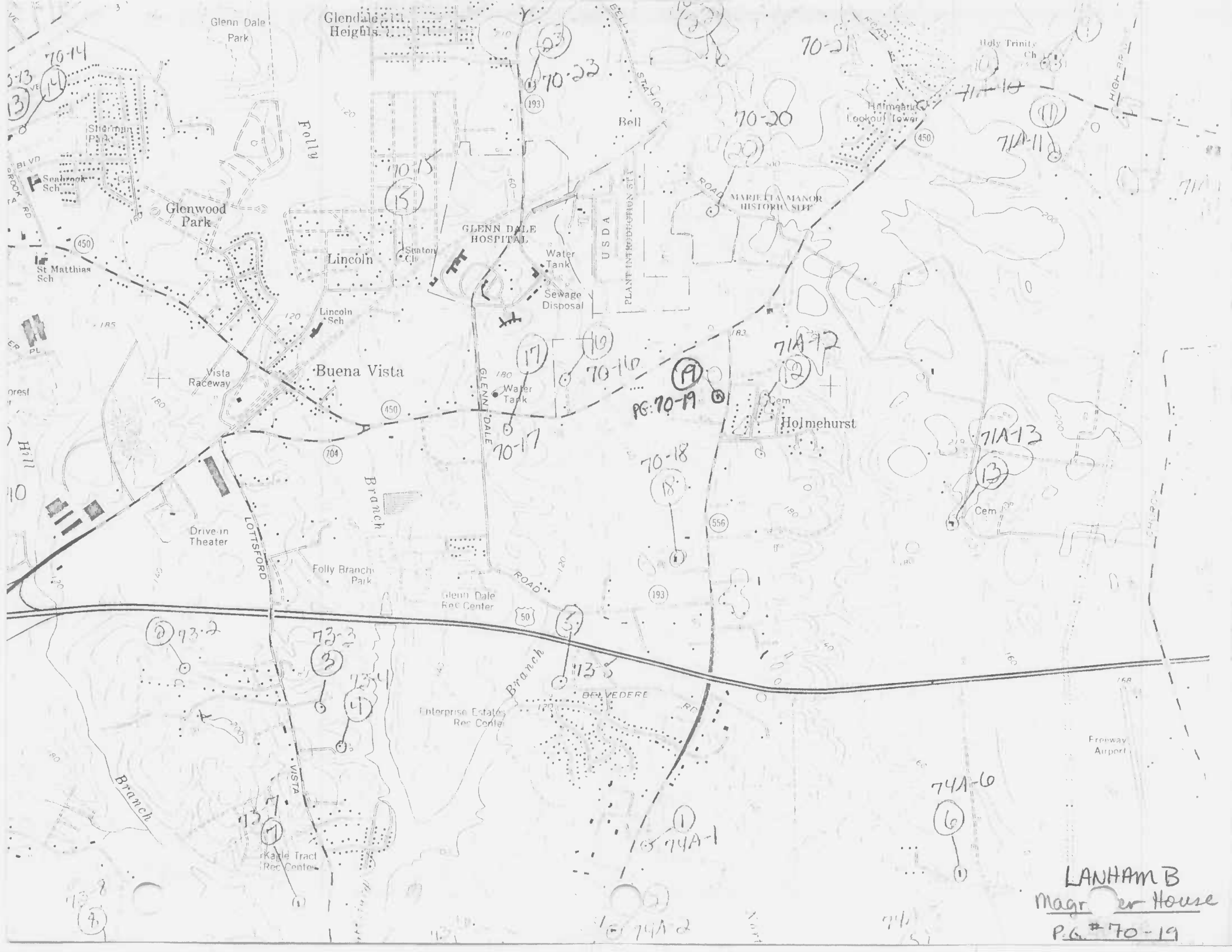
Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

MAGRUDER HOUSE







LANHAM B
Magr House
P.G. #70-19



NAME C.C. MAGRUDER HOUSE

LOCATION Rt. 556 NEAR Rt. 450 WOODMORE, Md

FACADE SE

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NAME C.C. MAGRUDER HOUSE

LOCATION RT. 556 NEAR RT. 450 WOODHORE, Md

FACADE S

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P.G. #70-19

Magruder house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Magruder house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #70-19

Magruder house

Prince George's County, MD

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September 1984

Southwest

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD